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CHAPTER 272

HOUSE BILL 2245

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 23, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 23-365; RELATING TO PAYMENT OF WAGES.

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 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona, title 23, chapter 2, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 23-365, to read:

23-365. Reliance on administrative rule or regulation

IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COMMENCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007, AN EMPLOYER OR OTHER ENTITY IS NOT LIABLE IF THE EMPLOYER OR ENTITY FAILS TO PAY THE MINIMUM WAGE IF THE EMPLOYER OR ENTITY PROVES THAT THE ACT OR OMISSION WAS IN GOOD FAITH, CONFORMED WITH AND RELIED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION, ORDER, RULING, APPROVAL OR INTERPRETATION, ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE OR ENFORCEMENT POLICY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE. THIS DEFENSE, IF ESTABLISHED, BARS THE ACTION OR PROCEEDING, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT AFTER THE ACT OR OMISSION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION, ORDER, RULING, APPROVAL, INTERPRETATION, PRACTICE OR ENFORCEMENT POLICY IS MODIFIED OR RESCINDED OR IS DETERMINED BY JUDICIAL AUTHORITY TO BE INVALID.

Sec. 2. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 23-365, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act is effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.

Sec. 3. <u>Emergency</u>

This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by law.

ARPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 2, 2007.

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